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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI KABURAGI, et al.) Examiner: T. Pham
Application No.: 09/678,297) Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: October 3, 2000)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND APPARATUS : July 29, 2004
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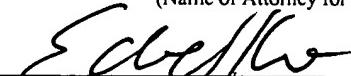
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In response to the Office Action dated April 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Please delete the current title and substitute the following therefor: --

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